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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
John C. Reed )  
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For: NOVEL CARD PROTEINS )  
INVOLVED IN CELL DEATH )  
REGULATION )

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed  
November 5, 2002, entry of the following amendments and remarks  
is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 27, 38, 70, 71, 75, 77 to 85  
to read as follows:

1. (Four Times Amended) An isolated nucleic acid  
molecule encoding a NB-ARC and CARD containing protein (NAC),  
comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide having at  
least 80% identity to SEQ ID NO:4 or SEQ ID NO:6, or the  
complement of said nucleotide sequence,  
wherein said polypeptide forms a CARD domain fold,

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